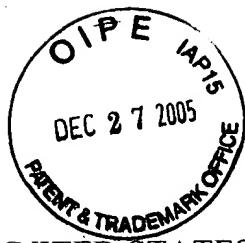


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In response to the final Office Action mailed June 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: